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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION OF DOMINICAN FUGITIVE LUIS VIRGILIO
SALDANA PEREZ

REF: STATE 49193

11. On June 28, 2007, U.S. Marshals will return Luis Virgilio Saldana Perez to the United States to serve a sixty month sentence following conviction in case number 2:01CR400-01. first filed on June 14, 2001, in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. As detailed in the Court's judgment dated November 14, 2002, Saldana plead guilty on August 9, 2002, to a single count of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. The facts of the case demonstrated that on June 11, 2001, Saldana sold 1.3 kilograms of cocaine to a witness cooperating with law enforcement authorities.

12. This case was brought before the Dominican government on April 23, 2007, by virtue of an Embassy diplomatic note. Shortly afterward, the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court issued a provisional arrest warrant based on the USG request for extradition.

13. Saldana was apprehended by Dominican authorities on June 19, 2007. A knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waiver of his right to challenge extradition was executed before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court prior to his return to the United States.

14. The return of Saldana marks the 21st Dominican-national fugitive returned through or in lieu of extradition proceedings during CY-2007 (the 12th for FY-2007).
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